

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 489

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING INTERIM COMMITTEES TO REVIEW STATUTES  
 5 RELATED TO ASSIGNED AGENCIES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ELIMINATION AND  
 6 REPEAL OF REDUNDANT, OUTDATED, AND UNNECESSARY STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 5-5-215,  
 7 MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 11 **Section 1.** Section 5-5-215, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"5-5-215. Duties of interim committees.** (1) Each interim committee shall:

- 13 (a) review administrative rules within its jurisdiction;  
 14 (b) subject to 5-5-217(3), conduct interim studies as assigned;  
 15 (c) monitor the operation of assigned executive branch agencies with specific attention to the

16 following:

- 17 (i) identification of issues likely to require future legislative attention;  
 18 (ii) opportunities to improve existing law through the analysis of problems experienced with the  
 19 application of the law by an agency; and

20 (iii) experiences of the state's citizens with the operation of an agency that may be amenable to  
 21 improvement through legislative action;

22 (d) review, if requested by any member of the interim committee, the statutorily established advisory  
 23 councils and required reports of assigned agencies to make recommendations to the next legislature on  
 24 retention or elimination of any advisory council or required reports pursuant to 5-11-210;

25 (e) review statutes within its jurisdiction and pertaining to assigned agencies and make  
 26 recommendations to the 68th legislature on the elimination and repeal of redundant, outdated, and  
 27 unnecessary statutes;

28 ~~(e)~~(f) review proposed legislation of assigned agencies or entities as provided in the joint legislative

1 rules; and

2 ~~(f)~~(g) accumulate, compile, analyze, and furnish information bearing upon its assignment and relevant  
3 to existing or prospective legislation as it determines, on its own initiative, to be pertinent to the adequate  
4 completion of its work.

5 (2) Each interim committee shall prepare bills and resolutions that, in its opinion, the welfare of the  
6 state may require for presentation to the next regular session of the legislature.

7 (3) The legislative services division shall keep accurate records of the activities and proceedings of  
8 each interim committee."

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Termination.** [This act] terminates August 31, 2022.

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